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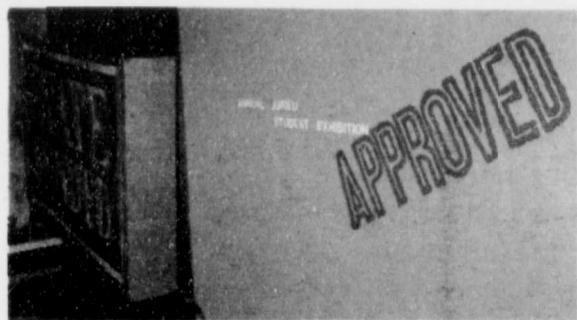
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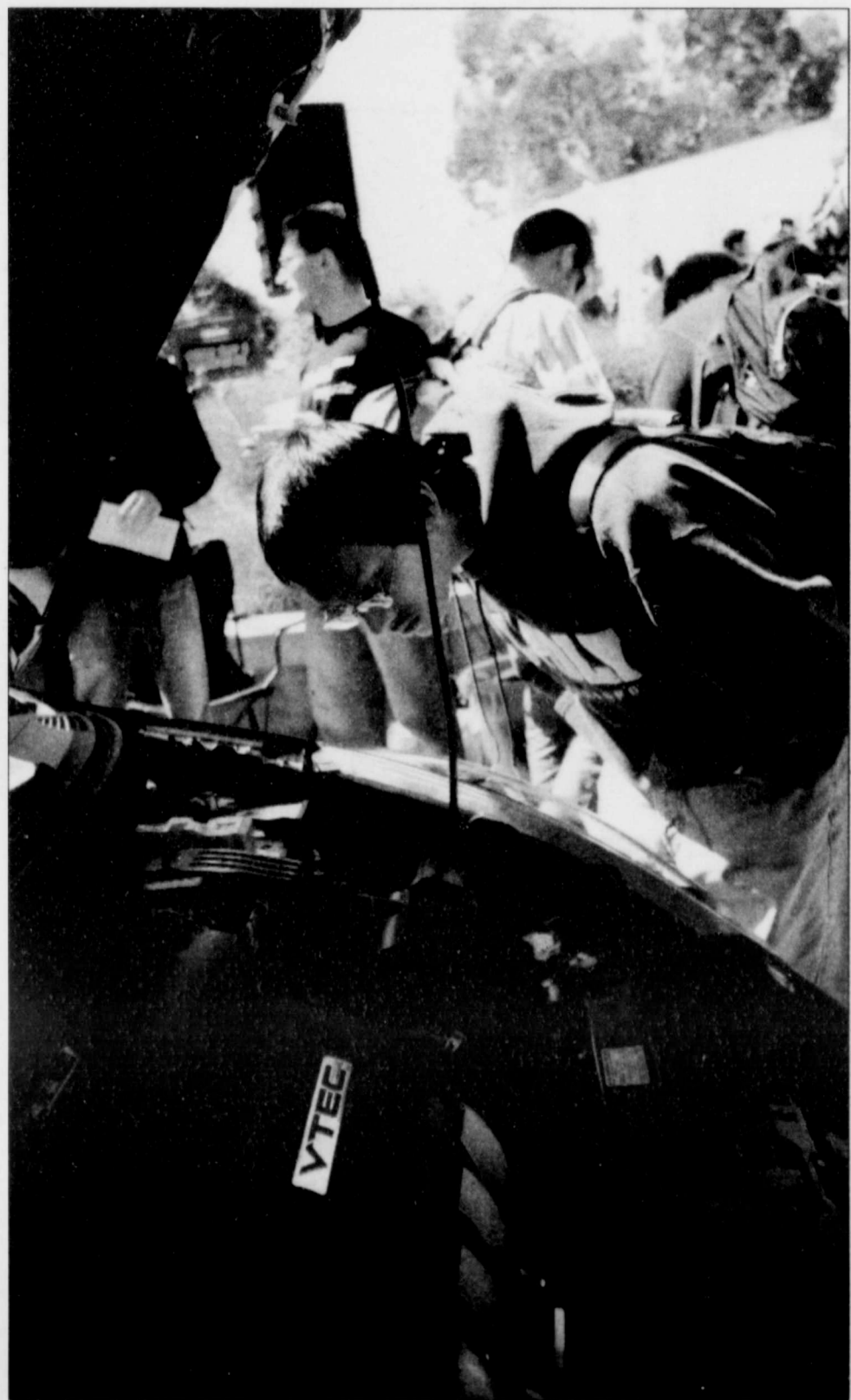
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## UU HOUR GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

### The perfect 'Fit' for a business senior project



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Students check out the newly-debuted Honda "Fit," a campaign designed by business seniors for their senior project.

Christina Casci  
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The University Union Plaza was busier than usual on Thursday during UU Hour. Booths with names of streets in San Francisco bordered the Plaza while students listened to the live music, filled out scavenger hunts and got free food in celebration of the new Honda, the "Fit."

The event, "Life in the City," was put together by a group of 18 marketing students as their senior project. The students worked with ASI, campus clubs and local businesses to make the event as popular as it was.

"If we didn't have the donations, this would not have turned out as well as it did," said Brandon Littlefield, one of the students who planned the event.

The group was one of 18 other campuses to work with Honda. It was a competition, Littlefield said. All of the schools involved made their own marketing campaign for the new car.

"All the proceeds made during the event were to be donated to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)," said Jessica Hickey, another marketing senior involved in the project. "We wanted to tie the event to a good cause, and MADD was what made sense."

The students made themselves a mock agency, Hickey said. They also worked with a real agency, Adventure Partners, as the "liaison" between the students and Honda.

Along with the event, the students made an entire ad campaign for the car. Their catch phrase, "This life, my fit," was posted throughout the UU.

"There was a lot of flexibility for these," Littlefield said. "We worked with graphic arts students on them."

Hickey explained that the Honda "Fit" was made to be urban and retro for this generation. "It's supposed to be metro-funky... the city life was the image we got from the car," she said.

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### City and regional planning students offer community services to Ventura

Kendra Deutsche  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly city and regional planning students applied their expertise by proposing a community plan for the Saticoy-Wells area in eastern Ventura that is expected to be submitted to the city council for adoption by the end of the year.

"This is the capstone class in our program," said Zelyka Howard, the project's faculty adviser. As part of a class project during the fall and winter quarters, students worked on forming the plan that was presented to the city council on Feb. 27.

The program was designed to give students the opportunity to work on an actual project to help them get first-hand experience and gain knowledge in their prospective careers.

"The students prepared a community plan and did a lot of research on what there is now by talking to community members and developing ideas... about what the community may look like in the future," Howard said.

In preparation for the project, they attended several public meetings and workshops to develop an effective

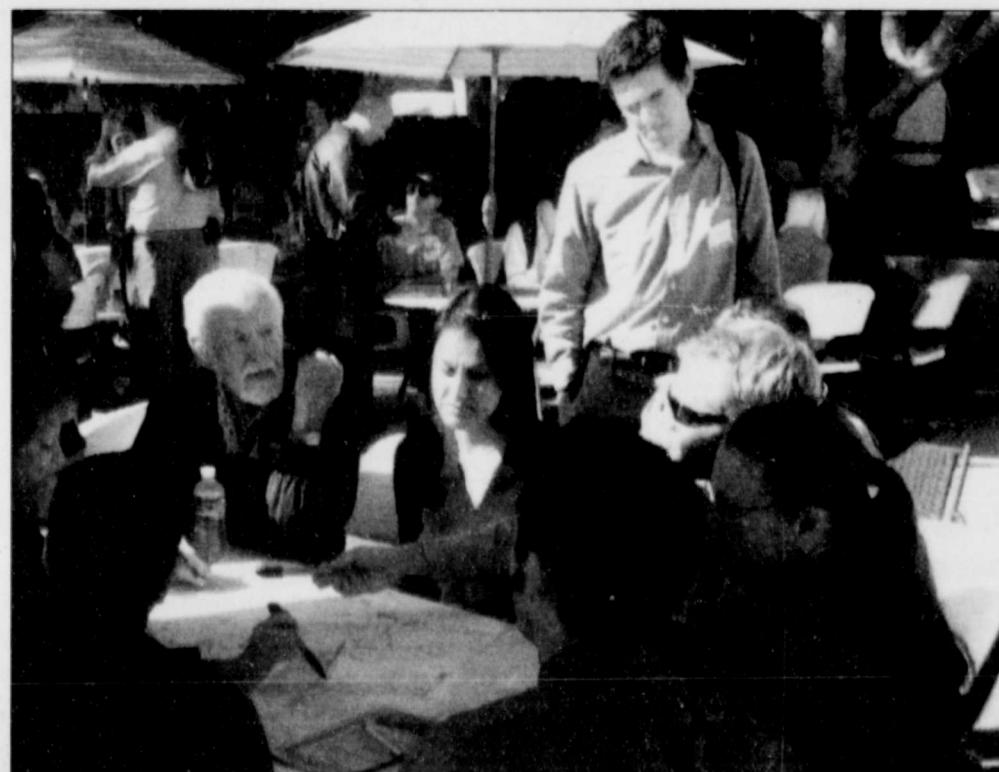
plan for the community.

"This was a very successful project," Howard said. "The students were able to engage the community, and the community warmed up to the city."

Additionally, students worked with "state-of-the-art" methods of planning development this year as they worked with professional consultants at Crawford, Multari and Clark Associates of San Luis Obispo, Howard said.

"We learned just practical knowledge," said Katherine Pelton, a city

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At one of the first meetings, Ventura community members gave feedback and worked with developers on the project.

### U.S. House approves changes to college aid

Susan Goodwin  
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EUGENE, Ore. — A bill passed in the U.S. House on Thursday made several key changes to the federal government's higher-education policy aimed at making colleges and universities more affordable and accessible. A congressional committee has worked on the College Access and Opportunities Act for three years, and many of the more controversial provisions and amendments were removed or defeated before it finally passed 221-199 along largely partisan lines in the Republican-controlled House.

Related legislation to renew the Higher Education Act of 1965 must pass in the Senate and receive President Bush's signature before any changes take effect.

Before H.R. 609 even reached the House floor, a provision that would have changed the formula for distributing government funding of three programs — Federal Work-Study, Perkins Loans and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants — was removed, according to a March 31 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Several of the bill's provisions were significantly weakened by an amendment passed during the full House vote, including the creation of a "college affordability index." It also changed a proposed requirement that any school that increased tuition by

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## Fit

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In order to get free food, students had to complete a scavenger hunt that had participants searching for various things and features located in the "Fit." Questions such as "How many different configurations can you make with the seats?" were used to puzzle the participants. The questionnaire was bright orange and could be seen throughout the UU.

The scavenger hunts were not only for the free food, but for a raffle. Students who turned in their bright orange papers were entered into a raffle to win gift certificates, T-shirts and even an iPod Nano.

The band playing was The Clarks, a band that uses the words "American. Guitar. Rock." to describe themselves, according to their Web site. Students surrounded the stage and moved along with the music for the entire UU Hour.

The event went from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and there were representatives from Honda to answer any questions and to observe the event, Littlefield said.

Other students were impressed with the idea. "It was a great way to spread the word about the Honda 'Fit,'" said Danny Passon, business and psychology senior. "Using a crowded area was a great idea."

Students were obviously interested in what was going on, said Jaci Brownlee, nutrition sophomore.

"The set-up was very impressive, with the red carpets and stars and booths with the street names. They did a good job of drawing attention to the event," she said.

Littlefield said he was pleased with the event.

"We got very lucky with the weather," he said. "It is supposed to rain tomorrow. It worked out perfectly."

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more than double the rate of inflation over a three-year period would have to explain why and create a plan to prevent future increases.

Schools that increased tuition will still have to report to the U.S. Department of Education, but the department cannot reject a school's explanation for raising tuition.

If the amendment hadn't passed, schools like the University of Oregon, where tuition and fees have increased more than 11 percent for in-state students over the past three years, would have needed to report the price increases and make a plan to prevent similar increases in the future. Although the University's price has increased overall, the rate of increase has declined over the past three years.

The amendment, introduced by Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, also removed a provision that would have

changed the way colleges are accredited.

Private-school interest groups opposed the provision because it would have given states authority over the private institutions.

Many of the provisions and amendments introduced by Democrats were defeated, including one that would have set a fixed interest rate for student loans at 3.4 percent, half the rate new borrowers will pay starting this summer.

"This is a down payment on reversing the raid on student aid," Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Mich., said, referring to the \$12 billion reduction in federal student-loan programs that Congress approved in February, according to the article.

H.R. 609 contains dozens of changes to the original act.

Among them are an increase in the maximum Pell Grant award to \$6,000 per year, more scholarships for students pursuing master's or doctoral degrees in math, science and

certain foreign languages, and a requirement that the Education Department make information about tuition, graduation rates, student/faculty ratios and average financial aid packages more easily available online to students and their families.

Several other provisions and amendments were defeated.

One would have required universities to accept transfer credits from educational institutions accredited by national agencies rather than the six regional accrediting agencies currently recognized.

Another would have required colleges and universities to report how students' race was taken into account during the admissions process to the Education Department.

The Senate will vote on its own version of H.R. 609 in April, and if the bill passes, the two bills will be reviewed by a committee and combined before being sent to President Bush.

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and regional planning senior.

Pelton explained that it was helpful to obtain such practical knowledge with help from the city, citizens and industry professionals.

"When we go out into the field, we will be going through this exact same process," she said. "It was a very good experience. Knowing that we are working on something that will

impact the future, (it is) exciting to see some of our decisions being shaped in the future."

"You work a lot with the public in trying to find out what the city and the citizens want," said city and regional planning senior Jonathan Schuppert, explaining the need for strong people skills in the business.

"It was a challenge in that we were working with a local firm and trying to combine everything together (to please) the city, citizens and the firm,"

he added.

"Even though it was challenging, I still had fun," he said.

The first-hand experience often leads to job opportunities since students have researched proposals to show prospective employers, Howard said.

Schuppert was offered a job that he attributes largely to his contributions to the Ventura proposal.

Although the class officially ended last quarter, students are still finalizing

plans. The professional consultants will use this information to finalize a draft plan, which will be submitted for review by the city council and for adoption later this year.

Next year, the program is looking to help another community in Ventura who requested their involvement in developing their community plan. Howard explained that communities often seek the help of students in the program after seeing their work in other communities.



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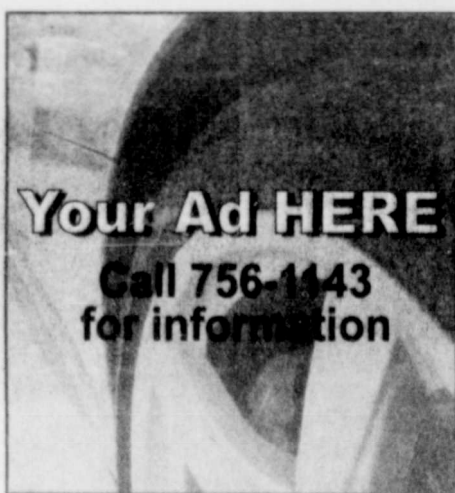
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## The Face of



Left:  
Caitlin Streeter  
Center:  
Ryan Nitzel  
Right:  
Caity Wilson

# Cal Poly

A special edition dedicated to the aspiring journalists at Cayucos

**Name:** Ryan Nitzel  
**Year:** eighth grade student  
**Hometown:** Cayucos

### Favorites

**Nicknames for cities:** Moron Bay and Cayuseless.  
**Place to go on vacation:** Tijuana  
**Food:** Woodstock's

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The ability to have every superpower.
- meet anyone, who would it be?  
Dr. Phil, to learn the mysteries of the world.
- win the lottery tomorrow, how would you spend the money?  
Buy all the skateparks in the world for my pleasure.

### Other

- What scares you most?  
Chicks. They don't even know what they're talking about, but they're scary.

**Name:** Caity Wilson  
**Year:** eighth grade student  
**Hometown:** Cayucos

### Favorites

**Place to go on vacation:** Europe  
**Food:** Brownies and watermelon

### If You Could ...

- have any superpower what would it be and why?  
To fly.
- meet anyone, who would it be?  
Orlando Bloom
- win the lottery tomorrow, how would you spend the money?  
Travel around the world.

### Other

- What scares you most?  
Excited dogs.

**Name:** Caitlin Streeter  
**Year:** eighth grade student  
**Hometown:** Cayucos

### Favorites

**Place to go on vacation:** Any place tropical.  
**Food:** Spaghetti

### If You Could ...

- have any superpower what would it be and why?  
To fly.
- meet anyone, who would it be?  
Dan Brown
- win the lottery tomorrow, how would you spend the money?  
Go shopping and traveling.

### Other

- What scares you most?  
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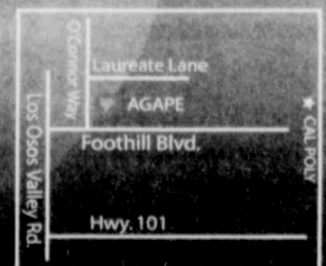
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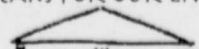
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## French prime minister brushes off resigning as students block international traffic

Jenny Barchfield  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Some 2,000 angry students massed on railroad tracks in Paris Thursday, halting international train traffic in a fresh push to force a new youth labor law off the books.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin refused to say whether the measure would be repealed.

Villepin spoke more clearly about his own destiny, brushing off growing speculation that he would resign.

President Jacques Chirac "gave me a mission, and this mission, I will lead it to the end," Villepin told a news conference. "All the rest is pure speculation and fantasy."

Calling for calm, he said he was listening to the voices of discontent over his reform aimed at denting sky-high joblessness among youth by making it easier for employers to hire and fire younger workers. Lawmakers from the governing Union for a Popular Movement, or UMP, met for a second day with unions and students in search of a way out. Protesters are demanding the measure be withdrawn.

"The immediate priority, as we all know, is restoring calm," Villepin said.



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Students invade the Gare du Nord train station in Paris on Thursday.

"It is time to get out of the crisis."

The job law has inspired disruptive protests at hundreds of universities and high schools and spurred massive demonstrations and violence by some protesters.

The law originally provided for a two-year trial period during which employers could fire youths under 26 without cause, a measure meant to spur hiring. Protesters say it would make young employees disposable.

Stepping up wildcat disruptions, students set up a pre-dawn blockade Thursday that halted a convoy of

parts for the Airbus A380 jumbo jet, the world's largest airliner and the crown jewel of European aviation.

Students paralyzed all train traffic at the Gare du Nord station in Paris for nearly two hours, blocking trains to and from London, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. Some 200 police in riot gear moved the protesters out, allowing thousands of passengers packed into the station to start their travels.

Protesters earlier occupied the tracks of another Paris station, the Gare de l'Est, for an hour.

## Assembly speaker introduces cable competition bill

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez introduced legislation Thursday designed to give Californians more choice in their television entertainment and Internet services.

The bill would allow telephone companies such as AT&T and Verizon to compete with cable companies by offering subscribers a "triple play" package — telephone, Internet and video.

In an effort to speed competition, the bill would allow telephone companies to apply for a state-issued cable TV franchise, rather than having to negotiate individually with cities and counties.

"My goal, ultimately, is to do three things: I want customer choice, I want quality, and I want to lower the cost of the service," said Nunez, D-Los Angeles.

California Chamber of Commerce President Allan Zaremberg said bundling of telephone, Internet and video services would lower consumer costs.

The legislation has been pushed by AT&T and Verizon, which are trying to expand into the cable television market.

The companies promise systems

that would deliver Internet content many times faster than traditional digital subscriber lines and offer cable television packages with 300 channels or more.

Ken McNeely, president of AT&T California, said competition would benefit consumers.

"The only way to take market share is to bring better products, with better services, at better prices," he said. "That's what we're prepared to do."

But Dennis Mangers, president of the California Cable and Telecommunications Association, said fairness was a key issue. He criticized the Nunez bill for exempting telephone companies from providing services to low-income communities.

"We remain opposed to a scheme that allows phone companies to red-line neighborhoods and just skim the cream off the top," Mangers said.

The Nunez bill would require that the state mandate deadlines for telephone companies to provide cable TV to specific neighborhoods, but county representatives say the measure falls short of ensuring community-wide coverage.

A Verizon executive said the company is opposed to any direction from Sacramento about where to do business.

## Bush, Cheney directed Libby's leak campaign on Iraq critics, court papers indicate

Pete Yost  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney authorized Cheney's top aide to launch a counterattack of leaks against administration critics on Iraq by feeding intelligence information to reporters, according to court papers citing the aide's testimony in the CIA leak case.

In a court filing, Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald stopped short of accusing Cheney of authorizing his chief of staff, I. Lewis Libby, to leak the CIA identity of Valerie Plame.

But the prosecutor, detailing the evidence he has gathered, raised the possibility that the vice president was trying to use Plame's CIA employment to discredit her husband, administration critic Joseph Wilson. Cheney, according to an indictment against Libby, knew that Wilson's

wife worked at the CIA as early as June 12, 2003, more than a month before that fact turned up in a column by Robert Novak.

Libby faces trial next January on five counts of perjury, obstruction and lying to the FBI about how he learned of the CIA identity of Wilson's wife and what he told reporters about it. The indictment says Cheney told Libby in June 2003 that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA.

The authorization by Bush and Cheney in July 2003 for disclosing sensitive prewar intelligence assessments came amid a growing public realization that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction. The failure to find WMD undermined the primary rationale Bush and Cheney had used for taking the country to war.

On Thursday, Democrats criticized the roles of Bush and Cheney.

"President Bush must fully disclose his participation in the selective leaking of classified information," said Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid. "The American people must know the truth."

"The president and the vice president must be held accountable," Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said from the Senate floor. "Accountable for misleading the American people, accountable for the disclosure of classified material for political purposes. It is as serious as it gets in this democracy."

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said the White House would have no comment on the investigation. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said the president has the "inherent authority to decide who should have classified information."

According to Fitzgerald's court filing, Cheney, in conversation with Libby, expressed concerns on whether a CIA-sponsored trip to the African nation of Niger by Wilson "was legitimate or whether it was in effect a junket set up by Mr. Wilson's wife."

After Wilson's 2002 trip, the former ambassador said he had concluded that Iraq did not have an agreement to acquire uranium yellowcake from Niger. The subsequent embrace of information that Iraq and Niger did have a deal for uranium was evidence that the administration had twisted prewar intelligence to exaggerate the Iraqi threat, Wilson said.

Wilson's public criticism on July 6, 2003, "was viewed in the office of vice president as a direct attack on the credibility of the vice president, and the president, on a matter of signal importance: the rationale for the war in Iraq," Fitzgerald stated.

In the court filing, drawn in part from Libby's grand jury testimony prior to his indictment, Fitzgerald indicated that:

—A July 8, 2003, Libby conversation with New York Times reporter Judith Miller occurred "only after the vice president advised defendant that the president specifically had authorized defendant to disclose certain information" from a then-classified intelligence estimate on Iraq. Libby is alleged to have men-

tioned Wilson's wife in the conversation.

—Libby testified that "the circumstances of his conversation with reporter Miller — getting approval from the president through the vice president to discuss material that would be classified but for that approval — were unique in his recollection."

—Cheney's chief of staff at first told the vice president that he could not have the July 8, 2003, conversation with Miller because of the classified nature of the National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq.

—Libby "testified that the vice president later advised him that the president had authorized defendant to disclose the relevant portions" of the National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq.

—The White House aide testified that he also spoke to David Addington, then counsel to the vice president, "whom defendant considered to be an expert in national security law, and Mr. Addington opined that presidential authorization to publicly disclose a document amounted to a declassification of the document."

Fitzgerald's court papers are an effort to limit Libby's demand that he be given voluminous amounts of classified information to defend himself in his criminal case.

Libby's testimony also puts the president and the vice president in the awkward position of authorizing leaks. Both men have long said they abhor such practices, so much so that the administration has put in motion criminal investigations at their behest to hunt down leakers.

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# Students see what they can do with nothing

Liz Soteris-McNamara

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The art and design department opened its annual contest exhibition of student artwork today in the Dexter building.

Students entered pieces that appear in five categories ranging from two-dimensional studio and three-dimensional studio, graphic design, photography and freelance entries. Students were able to enter up to five pieces in the show, however not all the pieces entered were selected.

"We have really good work from all areas (of art and design)" said Nara Lee, a coordinator for the project and art and design senior.

Only students in the art and design department were eligible to enter pieces in the freelance category, which is work not completed in a Cal Poly art class.

"There are many more pieces in this show than in others," said Christine Kuper, Cal Poly's University Art Gallery coordinator.

Pieces range from silver jewelry to projections on the wall. The show divides the gallery into three major sections: graphic design, photography and studio art. Students will be able to handle certain graphic design works, like bound books.

Kuper called the show a "splendid demonstration for students to know what's going on in the next classroom."

An added bonus for art and design students is that their accreditation board, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design will review the exhibit.

Each year the department selects a different panel of local judges from the community for the competition. This year the judges came from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

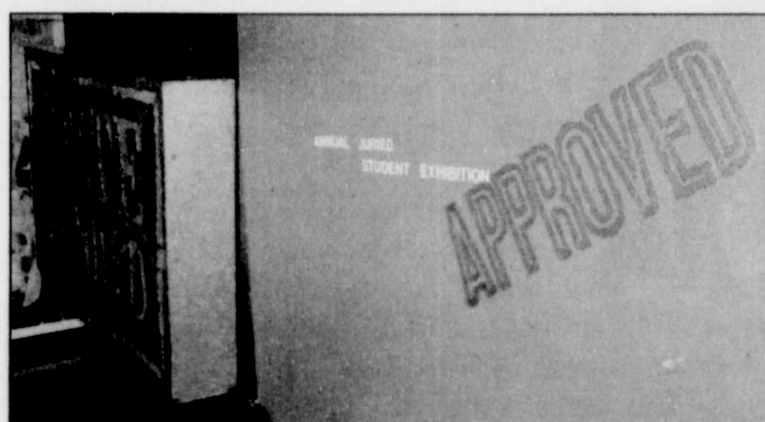
"Some of the pieces were well put together and well thought out, said judge Missy Reitner with iii Design, a local design firm. She said that judging the contest was "the hardest thing I've ever had to do." Every year the exhibit takes on a new title and this show's title is "State Funded," a titled selected by students in the art and design department.

"It's to see what we can do with nothing," said art and design junior Leonard Bessemer. "We don't get any money but we still create radical things."

Bessemer has five pieces on display in the competition, including an instillation piece (a non-permanent sculpture), a poster and three photo works.

The art and design department celebrates the event tonight with a reception and awards ceremony.

The free event runs through April 26 in the Dexter building, room 171.



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Students compete in annual juried art exhibit. This year's theme is 'State Funded,' which pushes participants to create art with little resources.

## Music faculty unite for spring concert

Jennifer Boudevin

MUSTANG DAILY

Katharine Arthur's father flew in from Windsor, Ontario, Canada to see her perform this weekend at Cal Poly.

But she's no student.

In a unique ensemble, the Cal Poly music faculty is banding together to present "Spring Bouquet of Chamber Music" at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Spanos Theatre.

The recital features several faculty members: Katherine Arthur, soprano; Paul Severtson, violin; James Edwards, lute; Jeanne Shumway, cello; Clifton Swanson, bass; Caroline Tobin, clarinet; Keith Snell, trumpet; David Arrivée, harpsichord; and Susan Azaret Davies, piano. Also performing is violinist Brynn Albanese, a string coach for the music department.

Arthur, who teaches performance and private voice lessons and organized the concert, came up with the idea of a faculty performance last year, and received an incredible response from her colleagues. In her four years at Cal Poly, she hasn't heard of anything similar.

"It's so unique in that it is the first time I've seen so many faculty members in one performance," she said.

Arthur explained the special relationship she another music department faculty share with their students. Meeting for private lessons once every week for four years, creates a close bond between student and professor.

This concert offers an opportunity for students to see their professors "practicing what they preach."

"It is important for the music faculty to perform together so that our students can see us 'in action' and not just talking about music," said Swanson, music department



COURTESY PHOTO

Cal Poly music faculty members (left to right) David Arrivée, Jeanne Shumway, Keith Snell, Caroline Tobin, James Edwards and Katherine Arthur (seated) will perform Sunday for the 'Spring Bouquet Concert.'

professor emeritus and a performer in the concert.

The program is diverse, including music extending from the early Baroque period to 20th century American, explained Swanson.

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—Clifton Swanson  
music department professor emeritus

Featured are lute songs by Thomas Campion, "Su le Sponde del Tebro" by Alessandro Scarlatti, "Der Hind auf den Felsen" by Franz Schubert, and songs by Charles Ives. Students, faculty and community members alike are invited to attend.

"There is nothing more enriching than exposure to positive creativity in any genre," Snell said.

"(Attendees) will not be disap-

pointed by the beauty of the music that has been selected for this recital," he added. "I guarantee that they will be absolutely thrilled by the virtuosity of the other artists with whom I am honored to perform with on this event."

Though this is the first time the faculty is performing together, Arthur hopes the concert is only the beginning of a continuing tradition.

Tickets, \$6 for students and senior citizens, \$10 for the public, are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Saturdays. They may also be ordered by calling SLO-ARTS (756-2787) or visiting www.pacsl.org.

Though performing for their students leaves professors somewhat vulnerable, Arthur is looking forward to it.

"Students can see that we are human," she said, "We make mistakes, but here we are doing what we love to do."

## Poly Poetry

### Cattle Go to Greece

Tonight

Beautiful, crisp cold that bites

My nerve endings, making my hairs stand on end.

Tonight is potential

Sand dune barbecues

Midnight moonlight beach walks and bonfires

Star lit drives, sunroof down, exploring roads less traveled.

The blood brain barrier on vacation.

There is nothing that would have these memories distorted.

As I drive down Grand

Cattle flock from dorm rooms to bitter pastures of rye

And there is nothing I can do to catch them.

Because tonight,

Tonight 6 kegs become Mecca.

I watch cattle dressed in short skirts falling in,

Marching in a faithful line

Groveling towards this holy shrine

As if it were the cure to some incurable disease.

6 kegs.

6 kegs of guaranteed good times.

6 kegs of precious poison so potent that they lure hundreds

To their fulfillment of blackouts and hangovers.

Let us bow our heads and pray:

Alpha Beta Delta Sigma Tau.

I wonder if it will die with me.

The joy of getting lost driving nowhere

Counting Crows for company,

But my soul is smiling nonetheless.

Because I was able to find Mecca

Without having to go through Greece.

—Nathan Stuckey  
Social Science sophomore



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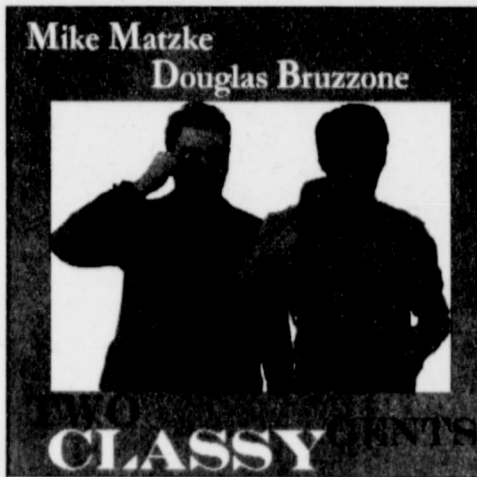
**HUMOR COMMENTARY**

# Bring back Jack Ingram

Every Tuesday, we used to open up the Mustang Daily trembling with anticipation. Just like a Golden Ticket, there lies Jack Ingram's wonderful "Soapbox Diaries." We've read the Diary of Anne Frank, and this is a much better diary. We'd get all excited and call our mothers, making sure to read every word of his column with precision and love. For this, we thank Jack Ingram. Without his column, we surely would not call our mothers.

So imagine our horror to discover that Jack Ingram had finally embarked upon a religious pilgrimage to Mecca. We felt an enormous sense of loss, like the last episode of "Friends," and there was no Joey coming to bail us out.

Faithful Mustang Daily reader, this is much worse than Kurt Cobain's death. If Jack Ingram were to kill himself (JACK INGRAM PLEASE DO NOT



KILL YOURSELF), he certainly would not shoot himself, because that would make a mess and Jack Ingram is a very sanitary person. Also, if Jack Ingram were to date humans and not fellow demigods, he certainly would not go steady with Courtney Love. Note: Romans did believe Courtney Love was the God of Whoring.

Hey Jack Ingram, sir, we have a deal for you. Not only is the Mustang Daily willing to give you your column back, but we'll offer to publish your article in

place of ours every other week. We know that we're the Friday column and that doesn't carry the cachet of Tuesday, but it's the best we can do. This way, you can receive 1.5 times the number of Letters to the Editor towards which you can dedicate your column.

However, we are a bit apprehensive about Jack Ingram being in the paper again. Make no mistake, faithful Mustang Daily reader, we want Jack Ingram back. But having devoted so many words here to Jack Ingram, we're worried about the way he swiftly cuts down all who oppose him, like a Zorro of words, or, like, WordZorro. He can also use the word Bulls---, which we obviously cannot (See that censorship? We didn't do that).

Historically, Jack Ingram is a very significant figure. Prior to the Napoleonic Era, Jack Ingram visited Italy, made a meatball joke, and destroyed the entire culture.

Let's be clear: This is a very powerful man. If Jerry Bruckheimer were to make a movie about Jack Ingram, it wouldn't be completed, because Jack Ingram would be there to make critical comments on what Bruckheimer didn't do in the movie.

Our relationship with Jack Ingram has the possibility of being really complex, if only he would return our calls. Think about it this way: Wayne Gretzky is to gambling as we are to Jack Ingram. Gambling is fun and Wayne Gretzky loves it a little too much.

Oh, he didn't go on a pilgrimage? We were just looking on the wrong page? That's just a load of bulls---.

Classy: Spring Break '06 in Cancun! Surprisingly, a much lower syphilis rate than one would think.

Uncouth: The Enlightenment, for being one huge taint.

**COMMENTARY**

# Hollywood needs to acknowledge liberal bias

**Jordan Capobianco**  
THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

TAMPA, Fla. - Hollywood certainly seems to be liberal in political persuasion. If that is not the message actors and directors mean to convey, much needs to be done to dispel that belief.

Michael Moore, Oliver Stone, Timothy Robbins, Susan Sarandon, Spike Lee, Janeane Garofolo and many others actively voice their liberal ideals; Harry Belafonte and Danny Glover have both taken trips to Venezuela to meet with and praise communist dictator Hugo Chavez. The 2006 Academy Awards served as further evidence of the dominance of liberal themes, which were rife in the movies nominated for Best Picture.

Nominees for Best Picture at the 78th annual Academy Awards consisted of a proverbial buffet of topics that make most conservatives nervous. "Brokeback Mountain" is a film about two bisexual shepherds, Capote is about a homosexual author, "Crash" is about multiculturalism, "Good Night, and Good Luck" is about McCarthyism, and Munich is about assassinations committed by Israel. No matter what one's point of view is regarding such issues, it certainly must be conceded that these movies have strong liberal leanings.

Hollywood's political views were also highlighted during the Academy Awards in another way. When George Clooney accepted his Oscar for Syria he said, "This Academy, this group of people, gave Hattie McDaniel an Oscar in 1939 when blacks were still sitting in the backs of theaters." Truth is that it

wasn't until 24 years later that another black, Sydney Poitier, won an Oscar, and only three black actors won Academy Awards between 1939 and 1982.

Clooney's defense seems less progressive and more an offensive, pandering display of tokenism. It's not progressive to engage in tokenism.

ly oppose the war in Iraq.

Such specters are powerful. At the height of McCarthyism, many people were being accused of being Communists. Mere suspicion of affiliation with communism was an offense that often resulted in loss of work, because such assertions were difficult to prove. Many in the

tives who have obvious objections.

In a column published by USA Today, self-proclaimed member of the "Liberal Hollywood Elite" Steven Levitan asks, "Why do so many conservatives hold us in the same esteem as the proprietor of the local porn shop?"

Levitan's right: Many liberals hold Hollywood in no greater esteem. The reason seems clear: Hollywood, much like purveyors of pornography, refuses to take responsibility for statements made by its members and messages present in its product. The messages omnipresent in the work that both Hollywood and the porn industry produce are spinelessly rejected by the industries in which they were created. Both Hollywood and pornography assert a certain message and then, for business purposes, deny the existence of that message.

A little honesty would be refreshing. It would be refreshing for Hollywood to merely admit that much of the work produced is very liberal. It would be refreshing for pornographers to admit that what they are promoting is prostitution, ennobled only because it is filmed. Neither liberalism nor pornography would become illegal if such admissions were made, as even admittedly offensive speech is protected under the First Amendment.

Hollywood should come clean and admit that its concerns mirror those of liberals.

Barring that honesty, which will probably never be given, Hollywood should at least mask its liberalism better.

Hollywood does not wish to be seen as liberal because revenues depend on even those of the conservative persuasion

It's also not progressive to deny that the industry one works in is liberal when all evidence points to the contrary.

Hollywood does not wish to be seen as liberal because revenues depend on even those of the conservative persuasion going to see films. Even for non-conservatives, the idea of an extremely liberal Hollywood is undesirable. Hard political stances do not tend to nurture good business relationships with most of the United States.

In order to protect itself from unwanted indictments of liberalism, Hollywood has brought up the specter of the blacklist with movies such as "Good Night, and Good Luck." The Screen Actor's Guild has made public statements condemning the blacklist, especially in light of the fact that many celebrities active-

SAG, as well as notable figures in general, were subject to the anti-Communist wrath of Joseph McCarthy. Censorship abounded.

The problem with resurrecting this unfortunate part of American history, however, is that no one — except perhaps Ann Coulter — wants to see the return of McCarthyism. But the mention of blacklists by high-profile Hollywood personalities is not a response to McCarthy-like tactics. Rather, it is a ploy to maintain Hollywood's political involvement while hiding behind the wrongdoings in the past. Hollywood appears to be manipulating a tragic part of American history in order to evade responsibility for its products. The result has been the stifling of Democrats who do not mind the "liberal" label, as well as conserva-



Baseball

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Mustangs won four of five matchups a year ago and 12 of the last 14 before the sweep two weeks ago. Larry Lee is 10-4 against the Matadors while Steve Rousey is 4-10 against the Mustangs.

Cal Poly, which hit 15 home runs in its first 12 games, slugged seven more in the series at Washington three weeks ago and now has 30 in 32 games this season. Junior third baseman Josh Lansford,

who had a nine-game hitting streak snapped by Washington, leads the Mustangs offensively with a .361 average.

Freshman first baseman/designated hitter Adam Buschini owns a .327 mark after going 4-for-11 in a series for the second straight week. Junior catcher Matt Canepa is next at .320 while senior first baseman/right fielder Jimmy Van Ostrand is hitting .301 and leads Cal Poly and the Big West with 11 home runs and 40 RBIs.

Lee, in his fourth season as Mustang mentor with a 119-85-2

career mark, guided Cal Poly in 2005 to a tie for second place in the Big West Conference with Long Beach State, both 14-7 and two games behind 2004 national champion Cal State Fullerton. The Mustangs finished 36-20 overall, but were denied an NCAA Tournament berth.

Cal Poly continues Big West Conference action next weekend (April 13-15) with a three-game series against UC Irvine in Baggett Stadium. The series will be played Thursday through Saturday prior to Easter Sunday.

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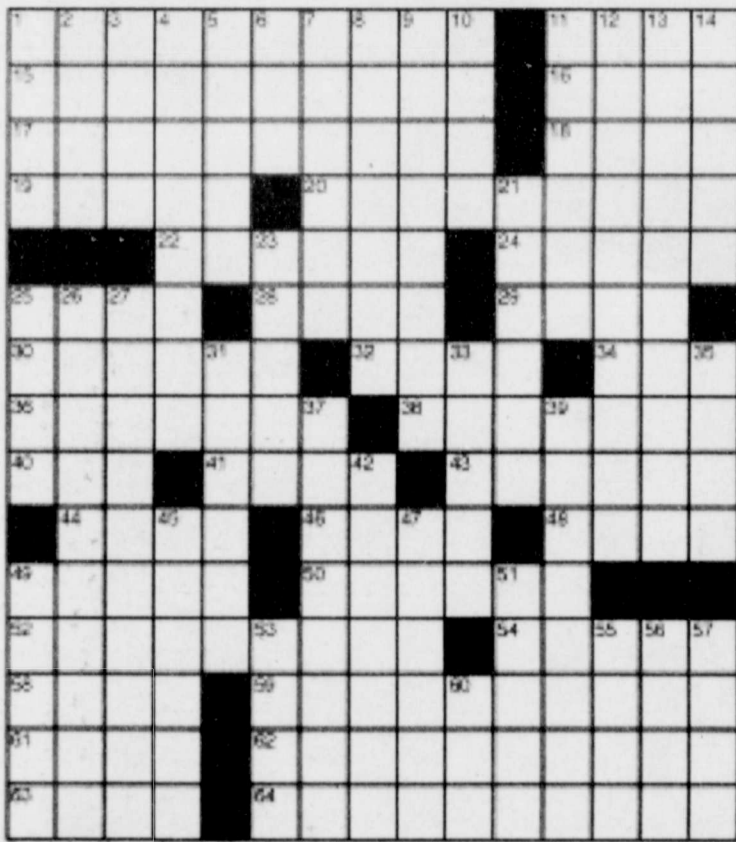
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- 50 Anago, in a sushi restaurant
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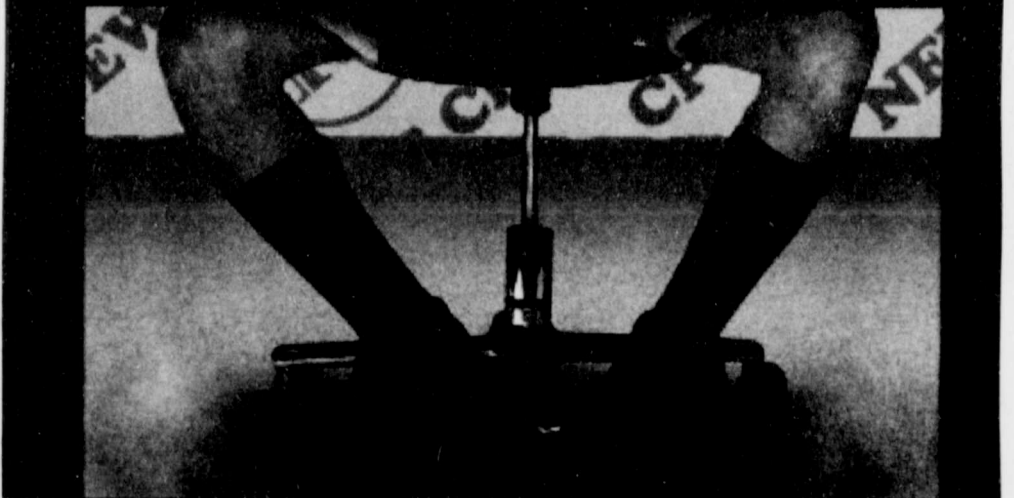
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# Mustangs look for redemption

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly (18-14), which opened Big West Conference play by winning two of three games against Pacific last weekend in Baggett Stadium, continues conference play this weekend, visiting Cal State Northridge (15-17, 0-3) for a three-game Big West series at Matador Field.

Friday's game starts at 3 p.m., followed by Saturday and Sunday contests at 1 p.m. All three games will be broadcast on ESPN Radio (1280 AM) as well as on the Internet at www.GoPoly.com.

Cal State Northridge, coached by Steve Rousey (fourth season, 66-133), has three position starters, six pitchers and four other letter winners back from last year's 18-36-1 squad which finished eighth in the Big West with a 2-19 mark. The Matadors were swept by Cal State Fullerton in their Big West-opening series last weekend by scores of 2-1, 6-1 and 14-2.

Top Matador hitters to date are outfielder Brett Blumenthal (younger brother of former Mustang Kyle Blumenthal) with a .364 average, followed by shortstop Scott Lyons at .317, center fielder Johnny Coit at .313 and catcher Steve Lemmon at .311.

Cal State Northridge has a 108-82 advantage in its series against Cal Poly after sweeping the Mustangs two weeks ago by scores of 5-0, 9-7 and 7-6 in Baggett Stadium. The

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TOM SANDERS MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly pitcher John Daley Jr. started two games over the weekend against Pacific, going 1-1 in the two starts, and will likely pitch Saturday against Cal State Northridge.

## Poly puts athletic twist on UU hour

Justin Fivella  
MUSTANG DAILY

Hundreds of students packed UU Hour Thursday for free food and prizes in celebration of National Student-Athlete Day. Attendees enjoyed food and prizes while they jammed to the live band that accompanied the special release of Honda's newest car, the "Fit."

The National Student-Athlete Day was created to acknowledge the hard work of student athletes who are able to excel both on the playing fields, in school and in the community.

Though the nationally sanctioned NCAA day of student-athlete recognition has been around since 1994, Thursday marked the first year Cal Poly has observed the April 6 event.

"We received a packet regarding the NCAA event and decided it would be good to recognize student athletes," said Jennifer Folz, academic services assistant.

The inaugural event's promoters, The Mustang Maniacs, the Cal Poly Athletic Department and the student athletic advisory committee were pleased with the event's success and said they achieved their goal of informing more students about the athletic department.



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

Students and athletes alike were treated to food and games as a part of National Student-Athlete Day.

"We were really excited about the turnout. We thought it was a great PR event for the Cal Poly Athletic Department," said senior Michelle Henke, president of the student athletic advisory committee.

In addition to raising awareness on campus about the athletic department and acknowledging the accomplishments of the student-athletes, the day was

held for student-athletes to gather together and relax with one another.

"Everybody seemed really excited about the event, there was a lot of camaraderie between all the athletes and they seemed to enjoy it," Henke said.

Despite it being the first year for the event, the student attendance proved to be high as the lines for the free meals stretched across the UU.

"I really didn't know what to expect as far as attendance, but nearly 200 athletes stopped by to enjoy the food," Folz said. "We served over 400 meals which meant probably over 450 people stopped by the tent."

Originally, the event was slated to charge students for the meals, but a last-minute decision by The Mustang Maniacs had them step forward and front the bill for the food and donate manpower for the day's events, Henke said.

With nearly 500 people making it out to the event, some attendees said they had never seen the UU so busy.

"I can't believe how many people are out here today, it's pretty cool. I came for the free food, can't blame me in that," landscape architecture sophomore Tom Savage said. "But really, student-athletes have it a lot harder than the rest of us."

### CAL POLY

## CAL POLY TEAMS HIT THE ROAD

Baggett Stadium will be empty, the tennis courts will be matchless and no ovals will be run around the Cal Poly track as all of Cal Poly's spring athletic teams will take to the road for their weekend competitions.

The baseball team heads to Cal State Northridge for a three-game rematch with the Matadors. Northridge swept the Mustangs two weeks ago in non-conference action.

The softball team will take on two-time defending Big West champion Long Beach State. The 49ers are 17-14 overall and 2-0 in the Big West while Cal Poly holds a 14-17 overall and 2-1 in the Big West — after a tedious non-conference schedule.

The men's tennis squad will play Northern Arizona on Saturday and Montana on Sunday, both games being played in Sedona, Ariz.

The women's tennis team will play a Big West match at UC Irvine. The Mustangs are undefeated in conference play this season.

In track competition, Cal Poly will travel to UCLA for the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner Invitational. Among those competing will be Willimena Cisco, Adrian Ruark, Aris Borjas and Philip Reid.

The women's golf squad will take the weekend off, but starts the two-day Matador Spring Invitational on Monday.

The men's golf team will do the same as the women, but will compete at the Merrill Lynch/Saint Mary's Invitational. —Mustang Daily Staff Report

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## ROLLINS' HIT STREAK ENDS AT 38

Jimmy Rollins' hitting streak is over. The Philadelphia Phillies' losing streak is not. Rollins went 0-for-4, ending his 38-game hitting streak that stretched over two seasons, and the Phillies lost 4-2 to the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday.

After finishing with a 36-game hitting streak last year, Rollins kept up his pursuit of Joe DiMaggio's major league record 56-game streak with hits in his first two games this season.

But he was hitless in three tries against Jason Marquis — he's 3-for-25 against him — and one at-bat against Josh Hancock. Rollins flied out to right field (first inning), left field (fifth) and center field (seventh), and was retired trying to bunt for a single in the third.

Rollins was the fifth batter due up in the ninth, but Jason Istringhausen retired the side in order, getting Mike Lieberthal to ground out to third base to end the game.

Rollins' season-ending 36-game hitting streak was the ninth-longest over one season in big league history, and the longest in the majors since 1987, when Paul Molitor hit safely in 39 consecutive games.

Marquis (1-0) pitched 5 1-3 effective innings and had an RBI double, Jim Edmonds singled in the go-ahead run in a four-run fifth inning and the Cardinals swept a three-game series in Philadelphia for the first time since 1986.

Philadelphia hadn't started 0-3 since losing the first three games in Arizona in 2000.

Cory Lidle (0-1) allowed four runs, three earned, and six hits in five innings. None of Philadelphia's starters — Jon Lieber, Brett Myers and Lidle — have pitched more than five innings and they have a 9.45 ERA in the first three games.

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